

Application No. 10/691,270
Amendment dated: April 24, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 24, 2006

Remarks

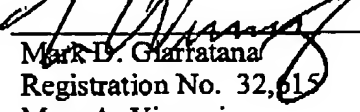
In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, which includes Claims 1-19 and 22-39. This election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue coverage of the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned. If the Examiner has any questions in connection with this paper, or otherwise if it would facilitate the examination of this application, please call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3569.

Respectfully submitted,

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